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Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" May I know what that order is, its number and date, etc. ? "

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—" I would be pleased to give my hon. Friend a copy of it, Sir, if he wishes. I believe it has not been published."

Inquiry regarding assessment of backyard cultivation.

* 119 Q.—Mr. P. PEDDIRAJU : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state whether the inquiry commenced in 1917 regarding the assessment of backyard cultivation has been finished and whether the Government have arrived at any decision in the matter and, if so, whether the Government will lay the papers on the table ?

A.—Presumably the hon. Member refers to the undertaking given by Sir Alexander Cardew in the discussion on a resolution moved by the hon. Mr. K. Chidambaranatha Mudaliyar in November 1917. If so, the hon. Member is referred to G.O. No. 3075, Revenue, dated 27th August 1918, which was placed on the Editors' Table.

Survey.

Holding of Survey Special Test Examination in Malabar.

* 120 Q.—Mr. R. VEERIAN : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that a public hall was rented at Manjeri in order to hold the Special Test Examination of the Survey Department in Malabar in 1924 ;

(*b*) whether the examination was held either on the 27th or 28th November 1924 in the rented hall for the purpose or in a private house belonging to one of the candidates who sat for the said examination on the 29th November 1924 ;

(*c*) if the examination was held on the 29th November 1924 in the private house of one of the candidates who sat for the examination, the reason for so doing ;

(*d*) who the Superintendents of the examination were ;

(*e*) whether there was any re-examination of the Survey Special Test Examination in Malabar in any of the years from 1918 onwards and, if so, the reason for it, and who was responsible for it ; and

(*f*) how many persons applied for the examination held in 1924 and how many were selected and to what communities the selected men belong ?

A.—(*a*) *to* (*f*) The Government have no information.

Mr. R. VEERIAN :—" With reference to clause (*b*) my information is that the examination was held in a private house of one of the candidates who sat for the examination, though there was a rented hall for the purpose. Now, I ask, Sir, what was the necessity for holding the examination in a private house ? I consider that it is against public policy to do so. Therefore, I want to know whether the Government are not going to call for the information and place it on the Council table."

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—" I am afraid, Sir, the matter does not appear to be of sufficient importance."